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Title: **INTERVERTEBRAL DISC PROSTHESIS AND METHODS OF IMPLANTATION**

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4 sheets of drawings.



An assignment of the invention to _____.



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Amend the specification by adding the following text after the title of the invention:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of provisional application serial no. 60/262,974, dated January 17, 2001.

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This request is being submitted with this application on filing.

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Patent Application Transmittal
 Specification
 Claims – 1-25
 Abstract
 Drawings – Figs. 1-4B
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